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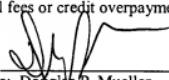
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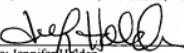
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided, as this application was filed after June 30, 2003. A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese reference 11-58962 corresponds with U.S. 6,607,869.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

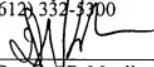
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION <small>(Use several sheets if necessary)</small>		Docket Number: 10873.659USD1	Application Number: 10/734,711
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
64-70940	03.1989	Japan			Abstract	
7-223372	08.1995	Japan			Abstract	
63-121142	05.1988	Japan			Abstract	
11-58962	03.1999	Japan			See IDS	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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